

English 11

Research Paper Requirements

Topic

A person who has made a significant influence in the world in which they worked. Your research paper should give some background information on the person's life, but ultimately you are explaining what significant influence this person had.

Length

4 to 5 pages, double-spaced, single-sided, 12-point font. The Title Page, Outline, and the Works Cited page do not count.

Sources

You need at least 3 sources. At least one of these sources needs to be a book. The other two can be from the Internet or an academic article.

Organization

Your paper should be divided into 3 to 6 "sub-topics" so that your paper is easier to read and understand. When coming up with these subtopics, ask yourself, "What do I already know about this person? If I don't know anything about this person, what would I want to know? If I were trying to understand this person and his or her contributions/influence, what are some things I would need to say in my paper?"

Format

"MLA style features brief parenthetical citations in the text keyed to an alphabetical list of works cited that appears at the end of the work" (Modern Language Association). More information on this will follow.

Assignment Grades and Tentative Due Dates (Subject to Change)

- A. Source Check = 3-5 sources (15 points) – Friday, March 25
- B. Note Check = 20-30 (25 Points) – Friday, April 1
- C. Outline check (25 Points) – April 5 or 7
- D. Rough draft (25 Points) – April 13 or 14
- E. Final Paper (150 Points) – April 22
 - 1. Title Page
 - 2. Outline
 - 3. Body (4-6 typed pages)
 - 4. Works Cited Page

TOTAL: 7-9 pages